

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S209–S262

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2951–2957, S. Res. 397, and S. Con. Res. 49. **Page S251**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Former Senator Charles McCurdy ("Mac") Mathias, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 397, relative to the death of Charles McCurdy ("Mac") Mathias, Jr., former United States Senator for the State of Maryland. **Page S260**

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 398, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Schonberg, et al. v. Sanders, et al.* **Pages S260–61**

Honoring Fallen Nevada Law Enforcement Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 399, honoring the heroic actions of Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper, Deputy United States Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner, the law enforcement officers of the United States Marshals Service and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and the Court Security Officers in responding to the armed assault at the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse on January 4, 2010. **Page S261**

Measures Considered:

Increasing the Statutory Limit on the Public Debt—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S211–23, S223–46**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 4), Baucus Modified Amendment No. 3300 (to Amendment No. 3299), to protect Social Security. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to). **Pages S211, S216–21**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 6), Division I of Coburn Modified Amendment No. 3303 (to Amendment No. 3299), to rescind \$120 billion in Federal spending by consolidating duplicative

government programs, cutting wasteful Washington spending, and returning billions of dollars of unspent money. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the division, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to). **Pages S226–33, S237–42**

Withdrawn:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 5), Conrad/Gregg Amendment No. 3302 (to Amendment No. 3299), to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the long-term fiscal stability and economic security of the Federal Government of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S211, S213–16, S221**

Baucus Amendment No. 3306 (to Amendment No. 3299), to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the long-term fiscal stability and economic security of the Federal Government of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans. **Page S211**

By 46 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 7), Division II of Coburn Modified Amendment No. 3303 (to Amendment No. 3299), to rescind \$120 billion in Federal spending by consolidating duplicative government programs, cutting wasteful Washington spending, and returning billions of dollars of unspent money. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the division, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S242–43**

By 33 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 8), Division III of Coburn Modified Amendment No. 3303 (to Amendment No. 3299), to rescind \$120 billion in Federal spending by consolidating duplicative government programs, cutting wasteful Washington spending, and returning billions of dollars of unspent money. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the division, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Page S243**

By 37 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 9), Division IV of Coburn Modified Amendment No. 3303 (to

Amendment No. 3299), to rescind \$120 billion in Federal spending by consolidating duplicative government programs, cutting wasteful Washington spending, and returning billions of dollars of unspent money. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the division, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

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Pending:

Baucus (for Reid) Amendment No. 3299, in the nature of a substitute.

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Reid Amendment No. 3305 (to Amendment No. 3299), to reimpose statutory pay-as-you-go.

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Sessions Amendment No. 3308 (to Amendment No. 3299), to reduce the deficit by establishing 5-year discretionary spending caps.

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Brownback Amendment No. 3309 (to Amendment No. 3299), to establish a Commission on Congressional Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Senate resume consideration of the resolution, with one hour for debate equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, with Senator Sanders controlling 15 minutes of the majority time, prior to the first vote; that no further debate be in order except as provided for in this agreement; that prior to each of the following votes with respect to the resolution, there be 4 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; Brownback No. 3309 (to Amendment No. 3299) (listed above); Sessions Amendment No. 3308 (to Amendment No. 3299) (listed above); Reid Amendment No. 3305 (to Amendment No. 3299) (listed above); Baucus (for Reid) Amendment No. 3299 (listed above); and passage of the resolution; provided further, that the cloture motions filed with respect to the resolution, be withdrawn; with the vote threshold requirement still in effect as provided in the order of December 22, 2009.

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Bernanke Nomination—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ben S. Bernanke, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Reserve System.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, January 28, 2010.

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creasing the statutory limit on the public debt, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Ben S. Bernanke, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Reserve System, and there be 60 minutes of debate prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Elisabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—9)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Res. 397, at 9:02 p.m., until 8:20 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S261.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, who was introduced by Senators Boxer and Hatch, and David T. Matsuda, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, both of the Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine intelligence reform focusing on the lessons and implications of the attack on flight 253 on December 25, 2009, after receiving testimony from former New Jersey Governor Tom Kean, and former Representa-

tive Lee Hamilton, both of the Bipartisan Policy Center's National Security Preparedness Group.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 4502–4525; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 72; H. Con. Res. 230–232; and H. Res. 1037, 1039–1040 were introduced. **Pages H386–87**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H387–88**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1038, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3726) to establish the Castle Nugent National Historic Site at St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; and for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4474) to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–401). **Page H353**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Larsen (WA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H333**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H336**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America. **Page H336**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Lester Flatt has made an invaluable contribution to American art as both a songwriter and a performer, leaving an indelible legacy in bluegrass music: H. Res. 583, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Lester Flatt has made an invaluable contribution to American art as both a songwriter and a performer, leaving an indelible legacy in bluegrass music;

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Expressing support for designation of January 2010 as "National Mentoring Month": H. Res. 990, to express support for designation of January 2010 as "National Mentoring Month", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 398 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 17; **Pages H339–41, H353–54**

Congratulating Messiah College men's and women's soccer teams on winning the 2009 NCAA Division III national championships: H. Res. 1030, to congratulate Messiah College men's and women's soccer teams on winning the 2009 NCAA Division III national championships; **Pages H341–42**

Expressing support for designation of the week of February 1 through February 5, 2010, as "National School Counseling Week": H. Res. 1029, to express support for designation of the week of February 1 through February 5, 2010, as "National School Counseling Week"; **Pages H342–44**

Recognizing the importance of cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages and supporting the goals and ideals of Cervical Health Awareness Month: H. Res. 1011, to recognize the importance of cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages and to support the goals and ideals of Cervical Health Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 18; **Pages H344–45, H354**

Expressing support for the designation of January 10, 2010, through January 16, 2010, as National Influenza Vaccination Week: H. Res. 1003, amended, to express support for the designation of January 10, 2010, through January 16, 2010, as National Influenza Vaccination Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 398 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 19; **Pages H345–48, H354–55**

Emergency Aid to American Survivors of the Haiti Earthquake Act: S. 2949, to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority

for increased fiscal year 2010 payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries and to provide necessary funding to avoid shortfalls in the Medicare cost-sharing program for low-income qualifying individuals.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing support for designation of January as Poverty in America Awareness Month: H. Res. 1024, to express support for designation of January as Poverty in America Awareness Month.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report on matters related to support for the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–89).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H336.

Senate Referrals: S. 2950 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H353–54, H354, H354–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

H.R. 3726, CASTLE NUGENT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE ESTABLISHMENT ACT; H.R. 4474, IDAHO WILDERNESS WATER FACILITIES ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3726, the Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources, now printed in the bill, shall be considered as adopted and that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all

points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 3726 with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representative Hastings of Washington.

The rule also provides for consideration of H.R. 4474, the Idaho Wilderness Water Facilities Act, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 474 with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representative Hastings of Washington.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on cyber security, 3 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine cutting the Federal government's energy bill, focusing on an examination of the sustainable Federal government executive order, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Al Qa'ida in 2010: How Should the U.S. Respond? 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Budget and Economic Outlook, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider H. Res. 983, Requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of documents, records, and communications in their possession relating to certain agreements regarding health care reform, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 3655, Bereaved Consumer's Bill of Rights Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled

"The State of Global Microfinance: How Public and Private Funds Can Effectively Promote Financial Inclusion for All," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Flight 253: Learning Lessons from an Averted Tragedy," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on Review of the Use of Committee Funds in the First Session of the 111th Congress, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 569, Equal Justice for Our Military Act of 2009; H.R. 3695, Billy's Law; H. Res. 1031, Impeaching G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, for high crimes and misdemeanors; and H.R. 4506, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2010, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 4416, Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled "The Federal Bailout of AIG"; followed by a mark up of the following measures: H. Res. 267, Recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Nowruz, expressing appreciation to Iranian-Americans for their contributions to society, and wishing Iranian-Americans and the people of Iran a prosperous new year; H.R. 526, Recognizing the 70th anniversary of John Mercer Langston Golf Course; H. Res. 957, Honoring Jimmie Johnson, 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Champion; H. Res. 1014, Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of North American Inclusion Month; H.R. 4238, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the

"W.D. Farr Post Office Building;" and H.R. 4425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the "Martin G. Marty' Mahar Post Office," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy (ARPA-E): Assessing the Agency's Progress and Promise in Transforming the U.S. Energy Innovation System, 10 a.m. 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following measures: H.R. 3562, To designate the Federal building under construction at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner Federal Building;" H. Res. 197, To commend the American Sail Training Association for its advancement of character building under sail and for its advancement of international goodwill; H. Res. 917, Recognizing the Florida Keys Highway on the occasion of its designation as an All American Road by the U.S. Department of Transportation; and H. Res. 995, Of Inquiry requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the possession of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to nutrient management of the Illinois River Watershed, Arkansas and Oklahoma, 12:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Fort Hood, 3 p.m., 304 HVC.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, executive, briefing on Peru, 1:30 p.m., 304 HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:20 p.m., Wednesday, January 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: At 8:30 p.m., Senate will proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives to receive an address from the President of the United States.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 27

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 4474—Idaho Wilderness Water Facilities Act (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 3726—Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2010 (Subject to a Rule). Joint Session with the Senate to Receive the State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

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